

# OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - 07

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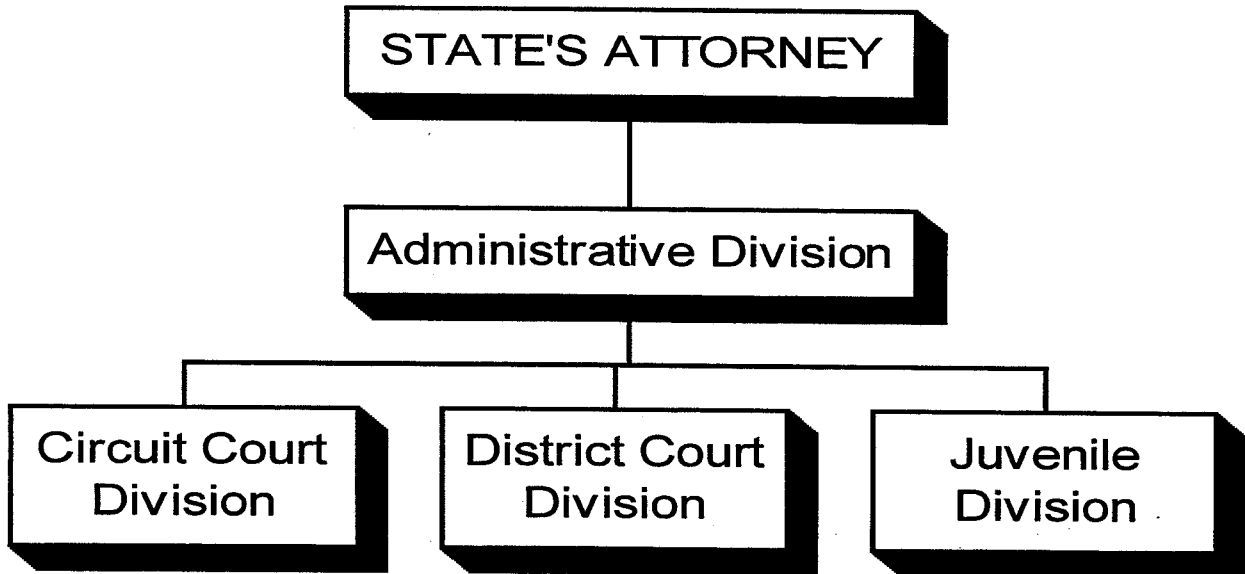
## ***MISSION***

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The mission of the Office of the State's Attorney is to ensure fair, professional, and expeditious prosecution of criminal offenders; to develop innovative programs to attack ever-changing criminal problems; and to work with the community to address, prevent, and reduce crime in Prince George's County.

## ***ORGANIZATION CHART***

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## ***DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES***

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- Conducts trial-level criminal prosecutions of all persons charged with violating State, County, and Local criminal and motor vehicle laws and ordinances.
- Reviews charges and complaints to determine whether they warrant prosecution and trial.
- Appears before the Circuit and District Courts in Upper Marlboro and Hyattsville.
- Appears before the Grand Jury, serves as its chief legal advisor, and assists in its investigations.
- Provides legal advice in criminal matters to all law enforcement agencies and works with these agencies to provide in-service training.
- Assists victims and witnesses as they participate in the criminal justice system. Victim/witness coordinators aid prosecutors in explaining legal language and procedures, provide a secure witness reception room, offer support during the trial, and make referrals to appropriate human service agencies.
- Operates a Narcotics Prosecution Unit for the aggressive and effective prosecution of drug traffickers who violate laws relating to production, possession, sale, and distribution of narcotics.
- Handles certain civil matters such as forfeitures of motor vehicles in drug cases and *habeas corpus* proceedings.

***FY2002 HIGHLIGHTS***

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- The Office implemented new strategies to take greater advantage of the street level intelligence gathering and practical experience of the Police Department's Community Oriented Police Units ("COPS"), and its Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED), along with community and civic groups. In 2002 more than 50 nuisance abatement actions were prosecuted with overwhelming success.
- In 2002 the State's Attorney's Office, in cooperation with the District Court, Prince George's Police Department, Parole and Probation, Health Department, Department of Corrections and others, implemented a case screening and diversion program for District Court cases. The goal for the State's Attorney's Office is to reduce the historical lag time between the arrest and the first hearing date and case resolution from 45 days to less than one week. Appropriate cases are referred for mediation, counseling, mental health and substance abuse referrals to the Health Department, community service, and/or dismissed.
- The State's Attorney's Office implemented a number of initiatives to improve its ability to communicate with the increasing diversity of the community. Official documents have been translated into several languages including Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese. A number of multilingual staff have been hired to serve the community.

***FY2003 OVERVIEW***

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The State's Attorney's Office will continue to do on-site screening of criminal arrests made by police officers. On-site screening has led to a significant reduction in police man-hours consumed by officers traveling to Upper Marlboro to screen their cases. The State's Attorney's Office and the Prince George's Police Department have collaborated to construct a Video Screening pilot program at the Oxon Hill Police Station. A web camera and computer terminal at each police station would allow officers to screen their cases with the Grand Jury/Screening Unit via the Internet. This will markedly reduce the need to travel and improve the efficiency of the screening process.

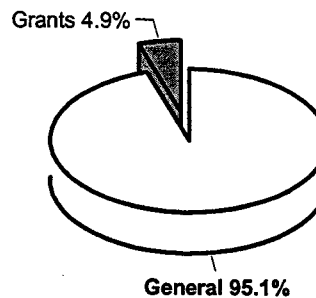
A major objective will be to strengthen prosecution of economic crimes. The advent of the use of the Internet and other technology to commit sophisticated thefts continues to be a challenge to local law enforcement. The current ability of the Office to conduct thorough financial investigations is limited; consequently, working with local agencies will improve the network of resources available to perform these investigations.

The State's Attorney's Office will implement a Drug Court for Prince George's County. In 2002 the identified partners for this effort will be attending two work/study sessions on Drug Courts that is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice's National Office of Drug Court Planning.

	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2002 ESTIMATED	FY2003 APPROVED	CHANGE FY2002-FY2003
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 9,639,156	\$ 10,778,909	\$ 10,646,500	\$ 11,424,700	6%
<b>EXPENDITURE DETAIL</b>					
Office Of The State's Attorney	9,354,956	10,288,100	10,092,000	10,936,400	6.3%
Grants	351,700	565,809	629,500	563,300	-0.4%
Recoveries	(67,500)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 9,639,156	\$ 10,778,909	\$ 10,646,500	\$ 11,424,700	6%
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
General Fund	\$ 9,287,456	\$ 10,213,100	\$ 10,017,000	\$ 10,861,400	6.3%
<b>Other County Operating Funds:</b>					
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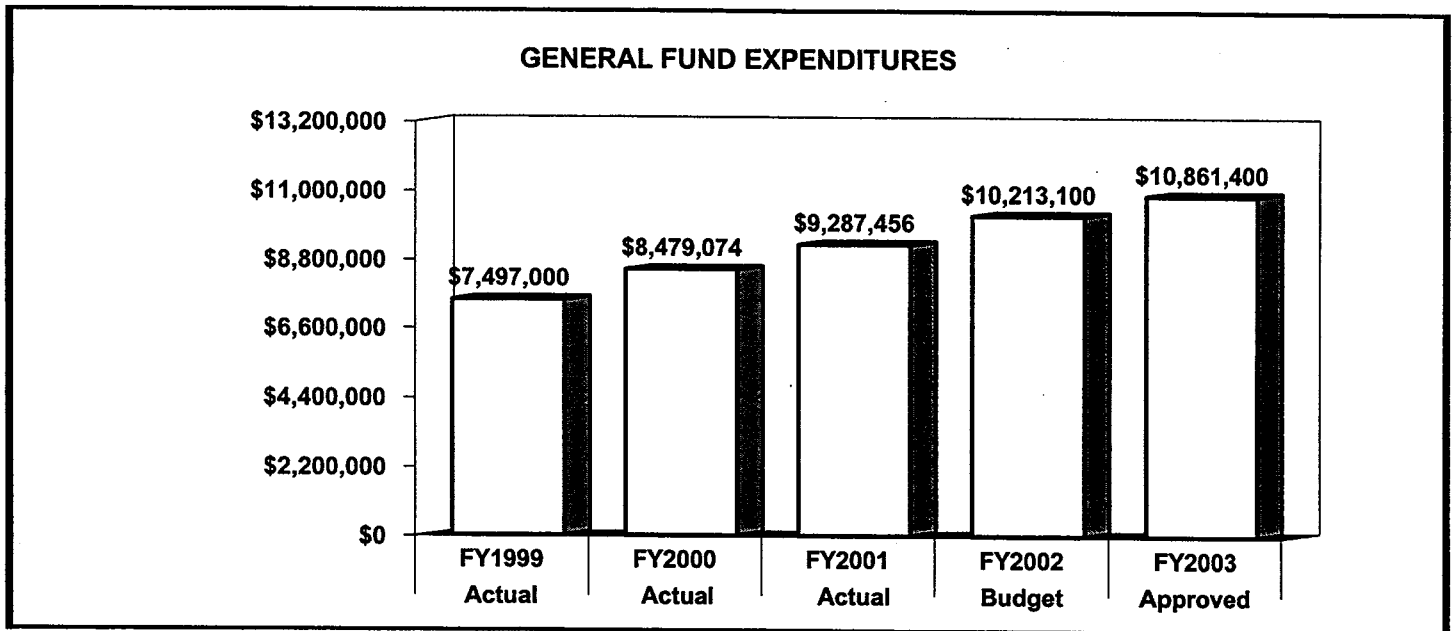
## FY2003 SOURCES OF FUNDS

The General Fund continues to provide the majority of the support to this Office.

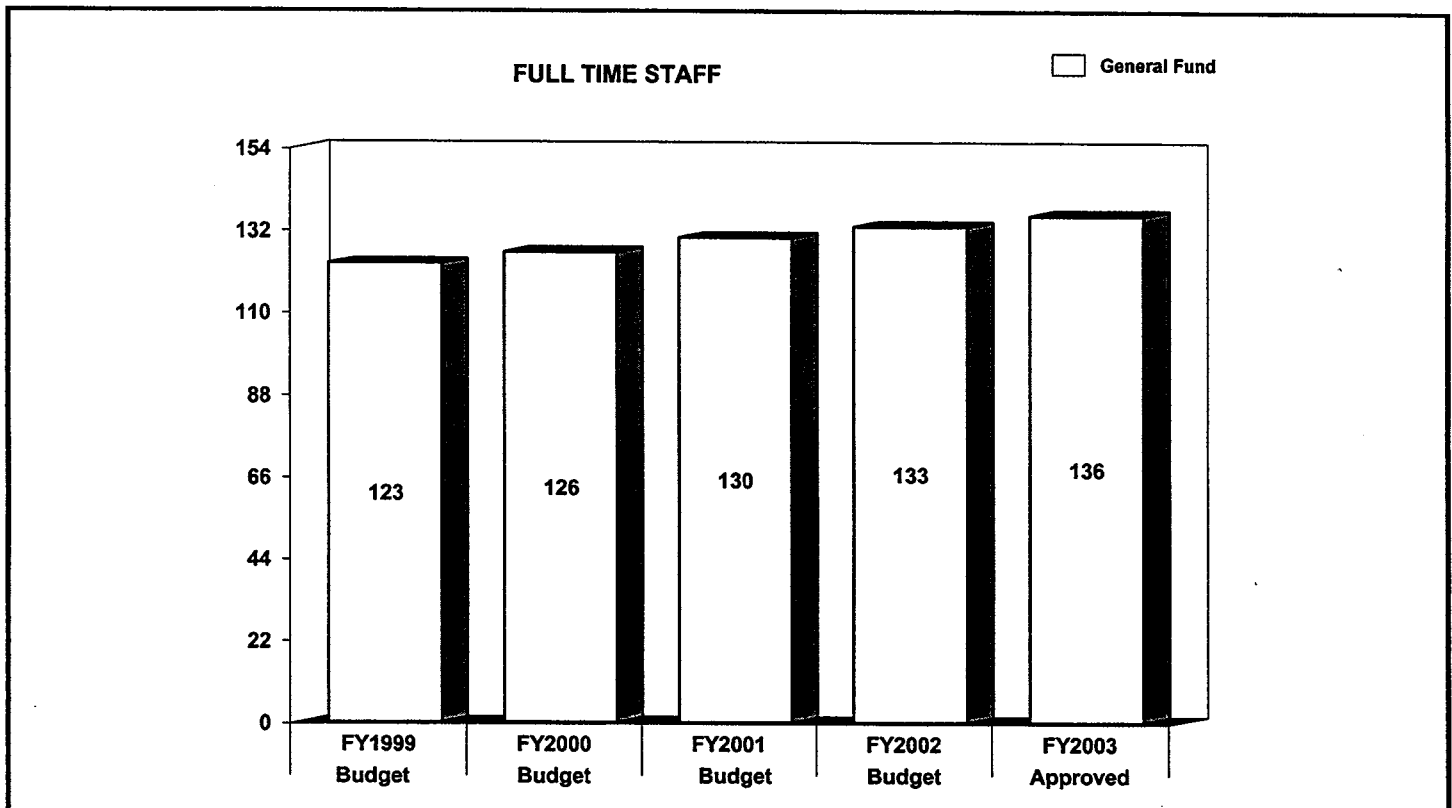


	FY2001 BUDGET	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2003 APPROVED	CHANGE FY2002-FY2003
<b>GENERAL FUND STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	130	133	136	3
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	5	15	12	-3
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	130	133	136	3
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	5	15	12	-3

POSITIONS BY CATEGORY	FULL TIME	PART TIME	LIMITED TERM
State's Attorney	1	0	0
Deputy State's Attorneys	2	0	0
Attorneys	65	0	5
Law Clerks and Investigators	26	2	7
Professional Support	4	0	0
Administrative Support	38	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>



The General Fund budget for the Office of the State's Attorney has increased by close to 45% since FY99. The spending level for FY2003 represents an increase of 6.3% above the FY2002 budget.



The full-time general fund staff increased by 3 - one Assistant State's Attorney, one Law Clerk and one Administrative Support person.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY1999 ACTUAL	FY2000 ACTUAL	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 ESTIMATED	FY2003 PROJECTED
<i>Office of the State's Attorney</i>					
Percentage of adult trials resulting in guilty verdicts	96%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Percentage of juvenile cases successfully prosecuted	98%	99%	99%	98%	98%
<div>The Office of the State's Attorney maintains a high success rate in the prosecution of criminal cases. The percentages of guilty verdicts in both adult and juvenile trials have been stable.</div>					

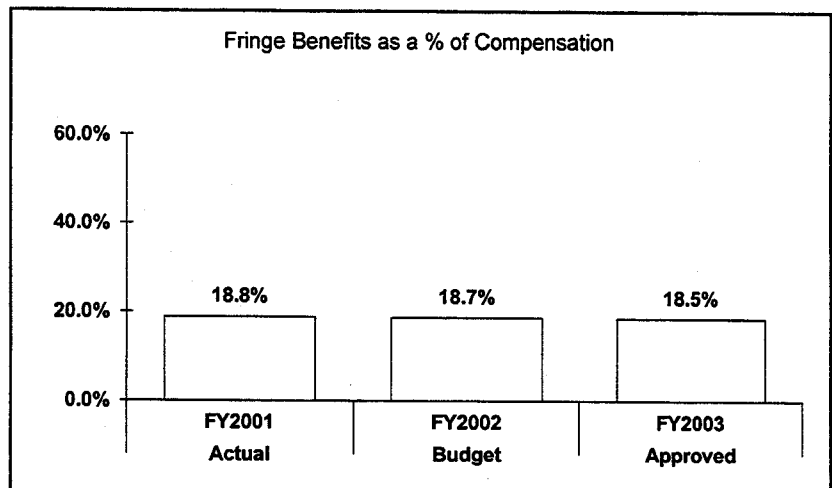
	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2002 ESTIMATED	FY2003 APPROVED	CHANGE FY2002-FY2003
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>					
Compensation	\$ 6,958,658	\$ 7,461,300	\$ 7,368,500	\$ 7,974,600	6.9%
Fringe Benefits	1,309,529	1,393,800	1,322,600	1,478,500	6.1%
Operating Expenses	1,086,769	1,433,000	1,400,900	1,483,300	3.5%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0%
	<b>\$ 9,354,956</b>	<b>\$ 10,288,100</b>	<b>\$ 10,092,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,936,400</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Recoveries	(67,500)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,287,456</b>	<b>\$ 10,213,100</b>	<b>\$ 10,017,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,861,400</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>STAFF</b>					
Full Time - Civilian	-	133	-	136	2.3%
Full Time - Sworn	-	0	-	0	0%
Part Time	-	2	-	2	0%
Limited Term Grant	-	0	-	0	0%

Compensation supports costs of 136 full time and two part time staff and includes funds for salary adjustments such as merit increases.

Operating expenses of \$1,483,300 cover the routine operating costs of the agency and include \$776,100 for office automation costs, funds for training and for necessary travel and housing of victims and witnesses.

The recovery from the Drug Enforcement and Education Special Revenue fund remains funded at the same level in FY2003.

MAJOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FY2003	
Office Automation	\$ 776,100
Telephones	\$ 133,800
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 106,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 65,000
General and Administrative Contracts	\$ 61,000



EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2002 ESTIMATE	FY2003 APPROVED	CURRENT \$ CHANGE	CURRENT % CHANGE
Compensation	\$ 317,600	\$ 517,380	\$ 515,900	\$ 422,200	\$ (95,180)	-18.4%
Fringe Benefits	24,300	47,589	47,400	47,900	311	0.7%
Operating Expenses	9,800	25,030	90,400	93,200	68,170	272.4%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 351,700</b>	<b>\$ 589,999</b>	<b>\$ 653,700</b>	<b>\$ 563,300</b>	<b>\$ (26,699)</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>
Recoveries	-	(24,190)	(24,200)	(63,400)	(39,210)	162.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 351,700</b>	<b>\$ 565,809</b>	<b>\$ 629,500</b>	<b>\$ 499,900</b>	<b>\$ (65,909)</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>

Grant funds are utilized primarily to support costs of salaries and required fringe benefits of limited term staff of the grant programs.

POSITION SUMMARY	FY2002			FY2003		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
Grant Staff	0	0	13	0	0	12

GRANT PROGRAM	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2002 ESTIMATE	FY2003 APPROVED	CURRENT \$ CHANGE	CURRENT % CHANGE
Homicide Survivors Support Group	\$ 39,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Vehicular Theft Program	24,400	56,000	56,000	50,000	(6,000)	-10.7%
Mobile Citizens' Outreach Project	50,000	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Stop the Violence Against Women	81,200	253,550	316,900	253,500	(50)	0.0%
Domestic Violence Program	41,600	61,395	61,400	107,700	46,305	75.4%
Juvenile Offender Identification/ Intervention Program	115,200	115,174	115,200	-	(115,174)	0.0%
Victims of Crime Assistance - VOCA Program	-	39,690	39,700	39,700	10	0.0%
Prince George's County Teen Court (Hot-Spot-JAIB)	-	40,000	40,300	49,000	9,000	0.0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 351,700</b>	<b>\$ 565,809</b>	<b>\$ 629,500</b>	<b>\$ 499,900</b>	<b>\$ (65,909)</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>
County Contribution*	-	24,190	24,200	63,400	39,210	162.1%
<b>TOTAL GRANTS SPENDING</b>	<b>\$ 351,700</b>	<b>\$ 589,999</b>	<b>\$ 653,700</b>	<b>\$ 563,300</b>	<b>\$ (26,699)</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>

COUNTY CONTRIBUTION TO GRANTS						
GRANT PROGRAM	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2002 ESTIMATE	FY2003 APPROVED	CURRENT \$ CHANGE	CURRENT % CHANGE
Homicide Survivors Support Group	-	-	-	-	\$ -	0.0%
Stop the Violence Against Women	-	-	-	63,400	63,400	0.0%
Juvenile Offender Identification/ Intervention Program	-	24,190	24,200	-	(24,190)	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 24,190</b>	<b>\$ 24,200</b>	<b>\$ 63,400</b>	<b>\$ 39,210</b>	<b>162.1%</b>